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Mr. Jack A. Wilson, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
and Environmental Protection
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Capital Plaza Towers - 5th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Jack:

As we continue our planning for our participation in the clean-up of the Valley of the Drums, I feel compelled to write to you about a matter which we have previously discussed in person and on the telephone.

This matter is that of enrolling the assistance of additional companies, whose identifications appear on the drums at the Valley, in this clean-up. You have indicated to me and in your press releases that several thousand drums will remain at the Valley after the five companies complete their voluntary clean-up. It appears logical to me to at least involve and seek the assistance of these other companies whose identifications appear there.

Your answer to me during previous discussions on this subject was that other companies have not been involved because their names did not appear in the records obtained from the Taylor Estate, therefore, you couldn't be certain they sent these drums to this site. As I have pointed out on many occasions, that just because drums appear at the Valley with Reliance markings it is not indicative that they were sent there by Reliance in that we sell materials to many sources who, in turn, could use Reliance-marked drums as waste containers.

Your consideration of this matter of involving the other companies would be most appreciated. It appears to me that if the objective is to clean up the Valley that every effort should be made to do as total a job as possible.

Regards,

WJ Rutledge
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